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SUBJ: EXTRAORDINARY SESSION WMO COMMISSION FOR BASIC SYSTEMS (CBS)
GENEVA, NOV 1-12, 1976: OPENING MEETING

1. THE CBS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OPENED NOV 1. THE FIRST REPORT ON CREDENTIALS, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMMENT, SHOWED THAT 84 DELEGATES FROM 42 MEMBERS AND 6 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WERE PARTICIPATING. THE SESSION APPOINTED TWO COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS OF THE AGENDA: COMMITTEE A UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF G. DUMONT (BELGIUM), AND COMMITTEE B UNDER E. FAWCETT (USA).

2. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, THE PRESIDENT (LONNEQVIST, SWEDEN) REVIEWED THE PRIORITY WORK BEFORE THE COMMISSION AND STRESSED TWO PROJECTS THAT ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES: A) THE PREPARATION OF AN INTEGRATED SET OF PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE WORLD WEATHER WATCH SYSTEM; AND B) THE NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC CODES FOR TRANSMISSION OF WEATHER DATA TAKEN BY AUTOMATIC STATIONS. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE TAKEN UP THIS WEEK BY THE TWO COMMITTEES AS URGENT ITEMS. THE PRESIDENT GAVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO ACTIONS THAT MUST BE TAKEN BY THIS SESSION OF THE COMMISSION IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT (FGGE, 1977-79).

3. THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOV 5TH. CATTO

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